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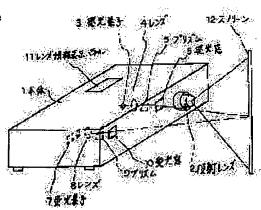
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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a liquid crystal projector which is cable of automatic focusing even when an interchangeable lens is used.

SOLUTION: A liquid crystal projector is provided with a distance finding mechanism which measures the distance to a screen 12. The distance measuring mechanism consists of a light emission system equipped with a light emitting element 3, a lens 4, a prism 5, and a light emission window 6 and a light reception system equipped with a light emitting element 3, a light receiving element 7, a lens 8, a prism 9, and a light reception window 10. The prisms 5 and 9 are composed of variable-vertical-angle prisms and the optical axes of the light emission system and light reception system can be adjusted by varying their vertical angles. Thus, even if a screen shifts vertically from a main body, an interchangeable lens with a different focal length is used to enable automatic focusing. Furthermore, this is applicable to a screen size measuring mechanism which measures a screen size from the change point of a light reception level and the variation quantity of an optical axis.



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